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A WORD OF WARNING.

The change in our system of taxation has caused more or less uncertainty in the matter of the State's income. In years it was easy to estimate what the revenues would be, but at present the authorities are more or less at sea. It is hard to know how the change will affect the revenue from a certain class of personal property, so called; how it will affect the charte fees; whether or not the increased revenue from the railroads and from other sources will be sufficient to offset the loss from the reduction in the general

revenues will be insufficient to meet the interest on the public debt and current There is every reason to beis some uncertainty, and the credit of the State is not to be trifled with. ittle while ago Virginia centuries were telling above par; yesterday they were

For our part, we have no more doubt that the interest on these bonds will be met as it falls due than we have that the interest on United States bonds But until something be paid. definite is known concerning the practical operation of our new tax sys tem. It behooves the General Assembly to be very careful about expenditures, and we would pass along the word of warning.

The extraordinary appropriations alteady made amount to \$65,000. Other proposed appropriations now

pending are as follows: For deficiencles in eleemosynary 20,000

Total \$546,000
Grand total \$611,000
a are not sounding an alarm, for there is no occasion for alarm. But attention of the General Assembly and attention of the public to these fig-If all these appropriations are the State may be embarrassed when pay day comes. Therefore, let us go slow. Let us be sure about our income before we spend it.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

We have devoted much of our space to n of the liquor question, and have printed practically every communication on the subject that we have re We have also presented our own views in extenso, for the reason that this prohibitionists, nor on the side of liquor dealers. We do not regard the prohibitionists as a party, nor do we regard the liquor dealers. We are thinking of society and good government, and we are carnestly desirous of knowing what is the best method of dealing with this subject and of seeing that method put into op

Elsewhere we print a communication i point from a correspondent in reply to some remarks of ours several days ago. We had said that the youth who expected to be saved by legislation was in danger of hell fire; that the youth who wished to make sure of being saved must save himself; that boys could not be saved by legislation from immoral life, nor men either. Our correspondent says in reply that "if this line of argument means anything, it means that there are no salu cary influences whatever, external to ourjelves; that neither precept, preaching there is no moral or influential power in

iny sort of legislation against evil." We should have known by this that our correspondent was a prohibitionist, for prohibitionists always take the extreme view. Our remark is susceptible to no such construction. Of course, we believe in salutary influences, in home training, in school training, in Sundayschool training, in wholesome legislation to regulate the sale of intoxicants. But save him from a life of crime or a life of immorality is in danger of hell fire. Our prohibition friends seem to think is to take temptation away. But if temptation be taken away, where is the opportunity for moral and religious exerciligious character? The Bible teaches no

who has made the test knows that by such exercise a man's weakness may be-

come his strength.

We once heard a prohibitionist saythat prohibition began in the Garden of Eden with the command of the Lord to Adam and Eve that they should not eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree. On the conerty to choose for themselves between put in their way, or once there as temptation, should have been removed.

In the next place our corresponder there ought to be effective legislation to protect the weak and helpless against the savage fury of drunken maniacs. Of course, we do. We think that drunk-ards should be held to a strict account for their acts. We do not think it any excuse for crime that the criminal was under the influence of whiskey at the time. On the contrary, this seems to us but to exaggerate the offense. If a man clumiarily puts himself in a state of irresponsibility he must pay the penalty t his misdeeds. We are in favor of ar resting drunkards when found on the and detaining them prison until they have sobered up. he case of those who have become permanently insane from drink, we are in favor of confining them in asylums for he insane and treating them as other pa-

Finally our correspondent takes us to whiskey. He tacitly admits, however, that the South is free. that this is true in a measure at leastthat is to say, that it is no crime to sell whiskey for medicinal purposes. But he asks is we do not think it ought fo he made a crime to sell whiskey for "beyerage phrposes." Certainly not. First of all, how could such a law be enforced? key whether it was to be used for medicinal purposes or for "beverage purposes?" The only way to enforce such a law would be to make it a crime for a man o buy whiskey except for medicinal purposes, and whenever the people of the Inited States or of any State get themselves up to that degree of fanaticism personal liberty will be gone.

It is impracticable to abolish alcohol, and so long as alcohol is in existence i will be more or less abused by some neople. Therefore, the rational thing to do s to address ourselves to the question of regulating the sale of intoxicants in such a way as not to interfere with the rights of those who use it moderately time to reduce the incidental evil to its lowest terms. It is that view of the question to which members of the Goneral Assembly must address themselves I framing legislation.

THE CAMPBELL VERDICT.

The House Committee on Courts of Justice, after having carefully investigated charges against C. J. Campbell. Judge of the County Court of Amherst, have unanimously decided that he guilty on three of the counts, and will verdict is no surprise to those who have followed the evidence. We do not see how an honest and intelligent committee could have reached any other conclusion

Judge Campbell is not to be judged by a single act. We think he was guilty of onduct most reprehensible in a judge when he publicly cowhided the preacher It was his business to preserve the peace, to uphold the law and to protect the man whom he, by process of law, had brought within the jurisdiction of his own court, But that was not all. It was shown in the evidence that this cowhiding affair was but the culmination of a career. Judge Campbell had been a courthous politician a molitical wire-puller, the leader of a political faction and author of the "Campbell system" of politics, He was known as a quarrelsome and a fighting man, and was time and again involved in personal difficulties more or is a very live question, a question of less serious, in one of which, according morals as well as of politics, and it is to his own account, he kicked an old man our earnest desire to have the problem in the mouth and knocked his teeth down polved in the best interests of society. his throat. The cowhiding of the old This paper is not arrayed on the side of preacher was well in keeping with his

> He must have known that the man Day was selling liquor in violation at least of the spirit of the prohibition law Amherst, yet he partonized Day's es tablishment, and was Day's friend, and accepted Day as endorser on his paper at

> time to review the evidence in detail, but there is enough here to justify the finding of the committee

> The report will now come before the House for action, and let us hope that there will be no bickering and no dodge When the report is called let ever; member be in his seat, and let him meet the issue like a man and like a true renresentative of Virginia.

NEW CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTH.

Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of Tu lane University, is one of the most conspicuous of our southern educators, and never makes a public address without saying something striking. He is a tru southerner, but he is frank and honest and is not afraid to declare the truth a he sees it. In a recent address at the North, referring to the situation in the South that preceded the war, he said that the system then in vogue did not pro duce in any just degree either wealth or for all that we say that the youth or the letters, that it arrested immigration man who relies upon legislation rather branded labor, minimized invention, than upon his own individual effort to emphasized the caste feeling, and set the badge of pauperism on the schools of

This statement is in part misleading, the only way to save men from sin but it is in the main true. The South produced splendid men and women, and there are those who say that southerners and for the development of moral and re- is much to be said in behalf of the men dictrine. It teaches that temptations be said of our chivalry, of our high are here and here for a pur- sense of honor, of our reverence for weare here and here for a pursons be said of our chivary, or our high some of nonor, of our reverence for woment; that men may be and should man has pointed out, was not without the right and do right in spite of temptament; that men may be and should man has pointed out, was not without be right and do right in spite of temptatics, and may use and should use temptatics, and may use and should use temptatics for their betterment. Everybody peasantly on the other, The lot of the people of Richmond are very reasonable

poor man in the South who owned no slaves was pitiful indeed, and it is well known that the house servants of the rich looked with contempt upon the 'poor white trash' of the neighborhoud. Moreover, the system tended to build up an idle class. Some of our young men were not far behind the English gentry trary, that was free agency. Our first in their estimate of "trades-people, They parents were commanded not to do this had slaves to walt on them, and they did thing, but they were given absolute lib- not think it becoming to soil their hands with work. Again, as Dr. Alderman has good and evil. According to the doctrine said, the free school was the school for of prohibition, this tree which constituted paupers, and had the brand of pauperism temptation would never have been upon it. It was practically on a par with the poorhouse.

The net result of the change is to improve the average. The South is not producing so many men who stand out head and shoulders above their fellows but there has been a general uplift of the people, there are more, many more, "little great men" than ever there are many more men of moderate means, and everybody knows that inc aggregate wealth and the per capita vealth has increased enormously. There is now no idle class. Our young men public schools are no longer the schools of the poor only, but the all classes, and in some sections private schools cannot be maintained the public schools supply every need.

The manner of slavery was infamous but all southern men slavery is no more. It was a curso inshackles were not upon the negroes the custom, and all of us are now glad task for saying that it is no crime to sell that the shackles have been broken and

BUFFALO'S MYSTERY.

One of the most interestilg murder cses ever brought to the attention of the public is that which is now exercising the authorities and the people gendick murder case is a great mystery, and of stories of Sherlock Holmes. But it is one thing to solve a murder mystery in the books and quite another thing to solve it in real life. Dr. Conan Doyle can create a great mystery and püzzistand mystify his renders because he gives the mystery first, and withholds the revelation to the last. It is all simple enough after he has worked it out, and it is simple enough to him because he makes the problem to suit the solution. But when there is a real murder. there is a real problem, the solution is not so easy, and the detectives are at their wits' end to know who killed this man in the privacy of his house, and how the murderer managed to cover up his (or her) tracks so completely,

However, in this day of telegraph and telephone and rapid transit, it is very hard for and murderer sto escape, and It is promised that the murderer of Mr. Burdick will soon be in the hands of

At the risk of offending the temperance sentiment of at least two States we may remark that there are a great many older people who will be pleased at the information that in the evelonic disturbances created in North Carolina by the Watts liquor law, the old Nick Williams distillery was not blown away. The fa mous distillery in the county of Yadkin was established away back in Revolu tionary times before people knew anything about adulterating whiskey, and for all these years its history has been a no inconsiderable part of the history of the State. It has always been in the country, but now it is "right in town," the Legislature having passed a bill day before yesterday incorporating the town of Williams in Yadkin county. The "town" is made up of the distillery, the residence of Mr. Williams and the homes of a dozen or more of his employes. The bill which passed makes Mr. Glenn Willlams the mayor of the "town."

the flag officer of Rear Admiral Crowninshield, has tendered his resignation along with his chief. This officer is as well known as the Rear Admiral, and is considered one of the best and braves among the young officers in the navy. He was assigned to assist the judge advocate of the navy in the trial of Admiwas attacked severa times by counsel for his partisan activity against Schley. However, Lieutenant Ward made a brilliant record during the Spanish war. He went to Spain as a spy and found out by personal observation the exact condition of the squadron which the Spaniards were preparing to send to the Philippines to defeat Dewey, Then he went to Porto Rico, where he was suspected and arrested. By bluffing he managed to make the Spanish authorities release him, and, after obtaining some valuable information, went back to Europe to get what he could about the plans of the enemy. He was advanced ten numbers "for extraordinary heroism."

In the matter of quantity Missouri leads all the States as an apple grower. The figures show that there are 20,000,000 apple trees planted in Missouri, which is said to be 3,000,000 more than any other State can at the present time show, The people of Missouri also boast somewhat of the excellent quality of the fruit that annually gathered from these trees However, it is conceeded that there is no apple in that or any other State that can quite equal the Albemarle pippin, which reaches its highest state of perfection in Virginia and the county from which it takes its name.

St. George Tucker Brooke, LL. D., professor of common and statute law, West Virginia University, and a son of the late Commodore Brooke, has published in the Transallegheny Historical Magazine, Morguntown, W. Va., a readable article on "The Merdimac-Monitor Battle."

It is, in considerable part, a reply to McClay's history of that battle, but is also chock full of matter of personal interest to Virginians. That the Monitor disabled or defeated the Merrimac (Virutterly disproves.

On a later occasion we purpose using a number of extracts from Professor Brooke's article, which we find wellwritten and interesting and valuable in

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The proposed "Self divorce law" in North Carolina is not a rapid fire, selfacting apparatus for unhitching couples, as one might suppose from its name. It gets its cognomen from the Hon. Mr. Solf the statemen who proposed it in the Legislature,

Chicago and other Western cities are finding the slot machine a tough proposition to go up against. Virginia had but little trouble getting rid of it, but there is difference in public sentiment in different localities.

The temperance wave is a little puz zling. While some States, North Carolina, for instance, are going dry, others that have been dry, Vermont, for in-stance, are going the other way.

It may be remarked in passing that Cupid is still doing business, and the matrimonial columns of the newspapers are keeping as well filled in March as in any other section of the almanac.

Mr. Addicks says he will wait. Th Delaware Legislature rendered him considerable assistance in reaching this wis-

After a long struggle in the Missouri Legislature, base-ball, foot-ball and high ball have all won the right of way on Sundays in that State. The superstitious have not failed to

note that the 13th comes on Friday this month just as it did last month, and yet we have not had any earthquakes. There are a lot of common people who

are going to believe both Mr. Roosevelt and Senator Carmack in regard to that question of veracity. The Cubans are great imitators. The

Senate has learned from our Congress how to fillbuster a bill or a treaty to death. There was something in the dying sons of Speaker Henderson that suggested to

the Democrats that after all, Czar Reed was a tolerably fair man, Yale and Harvard are to tackle the negro problem in their annual debate this

year. Now it will be settled once for all. After all "Queen Lit" gets nothing, and this is due to the lack of gallantry and

sentiment on the part of the House, Speaker Henderson will remain in Washington a week longer to read over

the work of the clipping bureau. Farmers need not be disturbed. That slump in cotton was purely speculative, and referred to cotton on paper.

With a Comment or Two

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Mr. Dave Francis, of St. Louis, is already reaping a part of the glory coming to him because of the great exposition. He has had an interview with King Edward. Who will be our Jamestown Dave Francis.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

How about Dave Lowenberg, the director-general of the enterprise? If Ned likes to discuss business affairs, and wants to learn how to rake things "go," our Dave could entertain him, beyond any question.—Norfolk Ledger.

Good enough. Good enough.

When northern and southern Democrats divide, there are enough on either side to defeat the whole party. When Re-publicans divide—Oh, well they never do, not so as you would notice it.—Greenville Profestor.

And yet the Democrats are silly enough in every campaign to bank on "internal olfe" in the enemy's country.

The anthracite mine operators, it is said, will seek to make the public pay higher prices for coal during next winter to make up the losses occasioned by the strike and to compensate for a possible increase in the wages of miners.—

Gaiveston News.

Moral: Lay in your coal early in the

The beef trust has lost a \$1,000,000 sult in Kansas City. Now watch the prices of beef go up, "on account of the scarcity of cattle.—Savannah News. Any old excuss will do except the real

Personal and General. Mrs. Harriet M. Foster has been post-mistress of Troy Grove, Ill. for fifty

years.

J. H. Seaverne, a native of New Jer sey, is a candidate for Parliament in a London district.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fowle, the only couple ever married in the House of Representatives, Washington, have just celebrated their fortieth wedding anni-

ersary in Boston. Mrs. Mary Letitia Lish celebrated her 192d birthday yesterday in Baltimore. When living in Glasgow. Scotland, she saved the present King of England from a serious fall when he, as a boy was yisting that city with Queen Victoria.

The Wilmington Star thinks the Legis-Mrs. Amye Jamet, a daughter of the late Charles Reade, the novelist, is visiting New Orleans. She is a writer of no little note in Great Britain.

The Danger of Fresh Air. A Missouri paper's oblivary column contains the following pathetic poem: The window was open, The curtain was drawn;

And our darling was gone,

—Chicago Record-Herald, The Elizabeth City Carolinian remarks: Another Failure "They say she has absolutely no leisure in her married life."
"No; she married her husband to re-form him."—Detroit Free Press,

Either Way. Pat-Bedadi It's confusin' the way the strates are unnoombered.

Mike-Yia: they might at lasts put signs up sayin' what arrest it sin't-Puck.



The Man ABOUT TOWN

DAILY CALENDAR, MARCH 18th, 1903—Senator Barksdale's pure elections bill postponed by the House of Delogates, 1973—Postponed some more. Warning—Procrastination is the thief

of time.

Maud Muller, as the snow fell down,
Took up the notion to go to town;
The grass had faded and so had the hay,
She hitched up the oxen and hied away.
She wanted to see what there was in store.
She passed Judge Campbell, and what
was more,
He stood near the spring and mopped his
batr

And said as he gasped, he couldn't see Such reports could be given with evidence in That tended to make a good judge of him. Maud wept a few weeps as the team ran

down, The good judge sprang from his mule to the ground,

the ground,

the ground,

the ground as he gazed in her face so fair,

That if it pained her he didn't care.

Then he looked away back, in the distant past,

As he squeezed her hand in a mighty

As he squeezed ner man grasp,
"I'll get on top again,' he said,
"Although I'm gone, I am not dead."
Then he got on his mule and rode away,
And Maud went back to her faded hay.

We don't see why, because the mercury went up to 90 degrees without warning, that everybody should stop us on the street and ask us why we didn't throw away our spring overcoat. It don't seem to us to be periment to

The overcoat is ours, and we have worr It so long that the man won't take it back. We might be wearing the over-coat because we want to keep it from the

coat because we want to keep it from the burglars who break into our home every now and then to carry off valuables.

Or we might be wearning it to let the public knew that we have an overceat. There are various reasons that we might advance as to why we continue to wear our overcoat, while other people appear in their straw hats.

We have good and sufficient reasons, but in order to ally the alarm displayed by our friends we will say that the main reason is that we have worn our trousers for a long time, because we like the cut of them, and by constantly sitting on the benches in the park we have every reason to believe that we look botter with our overcoat on than we would without, because our undercoat is a short one.

one. We understand, anyhow, that it's going to turn cold again just as suddenly it turned warm.

Johnnie got papa's gun one day, And went with the boys out to play Flowers are on his grave, they say; Little Johnnie got too gay.

Mr. Clyde W. Saunders is now arrangements about his flower garden.

He has received his usual package of seeds from Washington, and has made up his rows, so that when the seeds sprout out they will present a beautiful effect.

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He has posted a notice on his front fence, warning all children to keep off the grass, and he has purchased an air gun, so that it is quite likely this summer that he will have plenty of fried chicken for breakfast.

We are going to try to stand in with Mr. Saunders, for we are fond of fried chicken curseif.

The noise in Monroe Park the other night, which kept people for blocks around awoke, was nothing serious. It was just Mr. Johnnie Lauer and Mr. Charlie Trafferl having a wrestling match with Mr. Sidney Cates and Mr. Charlie Magnoni as referees and bottle holders, Nobody was hurt, for the ground was soft.

Another match is being arranged for we understand, for some time in the near future at 3 A. M. HARRY TUCKER.

Trend of Thought

Columbus Inquirer-Sun: The South is not at all displeased that the negrod question is being by degrees transforred to the North. The negro has heard so many protestations of love from the North that he is going up to see about it. Absent treatment no longer satisfies the colored brother.

Knoxyllie Citizen: President Spencer, of the, Southern Railway, advises the young men of the South to go in for less law and more legging. Excellent counsel.

Attanta Journal: That the time is not far distant when the iron industry of the South will equal if not surpass that of any other section becomes increasingly evident. It was long ago demonstrated that some of the richest ore bods in the world existed in this part of the contry. We have hithered lacked only the capital and labor requisite to develop the material.

Dallas News: The whole nation appears to be taking up physical autilizes a color of the improptu feast to the world and looked at his host. He saw a tail, rather dark man, with a close corpode beard. He wore glasses, colored just enough to prevent the lad from seeing his eyes. His air was distinguished, but Bobs could not remember having seen him among the men at the reomy seen him among the men at the reomy when he was brought in.

The man turnéd and walked through a door leading into another room, as if the whole occasion was the most natural thing in the world. Soon he reappeared.

"Here is some cheese, what do you say to a welsh rarebit?"

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Dallas News: The whole nation appears

Dallas News: The whole nation appears to be taking up physical culture as a fad, It is apt to prove the best of all the fads where it is taken up with an intelligent and lasting purpose. In time the doctors are sure to prescribe it in a more definite and scientific manner, Many of them now advise a patient to "take more exercise," and stop with that, In time directions as to the kind of exercise and the way to take it will be specifically set forth in the prescription.

North Carolina Sentiment. Referring to the Presidents letter to Clark Howell, the Newberne Journal The South does not fear social equal-

ity with the negro; that is impossible. The 'incomprehensible outcry' is not one of fear; rather of incomprehensible surprise that any one should be so blind, as President Roosevelt has been, in falling to see and understand the South as it actually is."

ature made a mistake in not giving, in the Watts bill, the privilege of local option to the people of the rural districts as well as to those of the incorporated towns. It says:

"The plain people of North Carolina are quite jealous of their rights and the effect of this discrimination against the country people will be seen in the elections of 1904."

"The day for the colored man to hold office in the South has passed, and it will be well for him to accept the situation. So long as he does not dabble in politics his best friend is the Southern white man." The Durham Herald puts it this way:

"We believe Mr. Bryen will holt if the is anything among them that you want."

will not blume him for it. Where we differ with him is that we do not blame the Gold Democrats for doing the same thing in 1888."

the drawings, now let us see if there is anything among them that you want."

After some minutes spent in looking over the plans, Mr. Ellicit shook his head.

"No," he said, "I do not see what I



that those letters were meant for me. They must have been, but what have I

done that they should pick upon me?

I suppose that it is something that I

have forgotten, and which belonged to the time before I got that infernal chuck

out from the dogcart."

The boy, for he was but that, though

eighteen, dozed as he lay tied up on

the cot, but suddonly he became aware

of the fact that some one was in the

mear the corner.

"Get in, you are perfectly safe. Trust to ma," as he turned to the driver.

Follow my directions and drive quick." Bobs jumped in and his companion fol-

"I don't know how to thank you," be-

gan the lad.
"Then don't try to find out how," was the quiet reply. "I have my reasons for getting you away from that crowd, and

They were in a quietly furnished, com-

"Good morning, Mr. Vanbrugh, my name is Elliot I am from Chicago and I wish to build a large house. I understand from my friend, Van Sittart thay ou turn out some of the biggest and best in this section of the country. Now I want the biggest and best, and money is no object."

"Be seated, Mr. Elliot, and I will show you some plans and drawings." He rang

"Has no one ever claimed him?"
"A man did come to the hospital while he was laid up, and said that he was his father, but he never appeared again, and gave a false address. Mr. Van Nostrand has practically adopted the lad. Here are the drawings, now let us see if there is anything among them that you want."

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him, closing the goor as he sat

but a voice said in a warning tone:

happen next.

lie still.

CHAPTER XVIII. | want here. I cannot express myself as Bobs lay and wondered what would I should wish, as I do not know any. thing at all about architectual terms, but there is a house that suits me up

"Now, who under the sun are these men," he said to himself, "and what have to flow to them? They seem to think, at least that red-headed idiot seemed to think that I was lying. Confound it. I don't lie. I don't know just why I don't perhaps I might if the occasion required it, but I don't, and that's all there is about it. I'll be blowed if I ever thought that I was letter the set of the service of the servi

Shall we make and submit driwings to 30u2"
"I shall be pleased to have you. How long will it take?"

long will it take?"
"I will put two men on that work alone and I think that we can promise them in a week or less. Of course, you must understand that it is a special style, and the state will be special declarations are must conform to the general declaration. sign. You will, however, get a beautiful house, and one that will speak for itself, How large a lot of land have you?"
"Two hundred by eighty-five, and it

room and near him. He tried to move, "Hush, Bobs, do just as I tell you, Lie still and I will cut your bonds, but Lie still, and I will cut your bonds, but lie still."

"All right, whoever you are."

"Right, lad; there you go," and Bobs feit the cords which bound him fail apart. He lay still where he was till he felt a hand on his arm, and a voice said:

"Now, get up onto your feet, keep held of my hand, and follow me."

Bobs did as he was told and blindly followed his unknown guide. He heard a door open in front of him, and then soon after another, and then he was going downstairs.

"Take held of the stair-rall with your free hand, it will help you," said the voice; "don't hurry, there's is plenty of time. That's right, now we're off, steady, we turn here. Now, we go down again, only one flight more, There! Now follow me quickly."

Bobs saw a tall man in front of him as they emerged into the electric light, and kepi close behind him. They went some, fifty feet and then turned down a street to the right, a cab was standing near the corner.

He is oney rooting, Reddle. What's up now?"
Reddle had opened the door of the inner room and given vent to a loud and vigorous oath.
"He's gone! How on earth do you suppose he dld it? There Isn't a trace of a rope or anything to show how he got free. He beats all."
"The boy's got a charmed life, I believe, and you'd better quit fooling with lim, as I told you yesterday."
"I've got to have him back. I havn't taken the trouble all these years to look after him and bring him up, and see that he was educated, just to have him

look after himself from this on. You won't find it so easy to catch your bird

Then don't try to find out how," was the quiet reply. "I have my reasons for getting you away from that crowd, and they are not entirely unselfish. Rest assured, however, that no personal harm will come to you. I know you, but you do not know me, and it makes but little difference. You must be hungry and thirsty, we will go to my rooms and have a bite and a drink, and after that you are at liberty to do as you please."

The cab drew up at the curb, and Bob's companion stepped out, the boy following him. The driver evidently had his instructions, as he drove away at once. The unknown walked up the stepps of the house at which they had stopped.

"Pardon me," he said, turning to Bob's who followed him, "It is best for me wo go in first," and he stepped quickly into the hall. Closing the door behind them he look a key from the bunch in his hand and opened a door on the left of the hall. Motioning to Bobs 19, 20 in he stepped behind him and closed the door, turning on the electric light as he did so.

They were in a quietly furnished, com-

"There's some one on the stairs, Hello, London, Bobs has cut and run!"
"Has he? How did he do it?"
"That's what we want to know. He's gone, sure enough, and no trace of him at all."
"Good thing, too."
"What do you mean by that?" asked Reddie, turning on him with a scowl.
"Just what I said. The boy is of no further usel to us or to you. He has lost his memory, that's evident, and has gone off on a new tack. He will never be the same, and you'd better drop him, Reddie."
"I won't drop him, just the same, as I have my reasons for wanting him back with me."
"O, well, that's your business, but I think that you are wasting time, all the same." They were in a quiety furnished, com-fortuble room. A fire burned in the grate, and large, roomy, leather-covered casy chairs showed that the owner knew how to enjoy the good things of life. A large mahogany table occupied the center bt the room and on it were books, papers, magazines, pipes and tobacco, in short, all the paraphernalia that goos with a man's room.

man's room.

"You are welcome, Mr. Morgan, make yourself at home. There are some good cigars. You must excuse me for a moment while I get something for us to reat."

Sometimes I like to. Of course, I am

that you forget that I am not as old as you are, and I don't know it!"

"I know how old you are, my boy; that is all right." He stepped to a large side-board and took out a beautiful silver blazer. Soon the cheese was melting, and a delicious edor arease. Bobs decided that his unknown friend did have a good recipe, and helped to open the ale with alterity and appetite.

They sat down to the improptu feast as though they had known each other for years, and Bobs, with a boy's, or one may say youth's healthy appetite, soon almost, forgot the evening's exciting episode.

CHAPTER XIX.

"Good morning, Mr. Vanbrugh, my

"Strange, indeed! It is curious that you can recall nothing. It is evident to me that you were the person they

"He seated, Mr. Elliot, and I will show you some plans and drawings." He rang a bell by his side. "Toll Mr. Morgan to come here," he said to the boy that answored the bell. "Mr. Elliot, this answored the bell. "Mr. Elliot, this Mr. Morgan, one of my rising young men. Hobs, get out some of those latest houses that we built up on the Hudson."

men. Soos: that we built up on the Hudson."

"Any particular ones, sir?"

"No; any will, do, only pick out the largest.' Bobs left the room in search of the plans and Mr. Elliot turned to the architect.

"Nice looking young chap, that Mr. Vanbrugh."

"Yes, he is a handsome lad, and a hard worker. He came here over a year age on the request of Mr. James Van Nostrand, whose protege he is. He had a curlous accident happen to him. That is, the result is curlous. I should say, and not the accident. He saved the life of the younger Miss Van Nostrand when she was being run away with in a dog-cart. He was thrown out and had concusion of the brain, and he cannot reniember one single detail connected with his past."

"Has no one ever claimed him?"

"A man did come to the hospital while interested."
"I went to Mr. Vanbrugh's office, as I have said. The learning to draw has been no effort, as it has come as though I had been taught, and yet to my knowl-

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"Two hundred by eighty-five, and is is on a corner."

"Ah, that is very good. Do you limit us as to size, or shall we cover the lot?"

"I should prefer that you consider that matter yourself and do what is best to produce a first-class house. Can I see that young man again?"

"Certainly, Bobs, Mr, Elliot vishes to speak to you."

"Mr. Morgan, I have taken a fancy to you. I am alone at the Holland house; will you not dine with me this ovenin?"

in?"
"I shall be delighted, sir."
"Do so, then. Shall we say 7? Very well; good morning, Mr. Vanbrugh, I shall hear from you when the plans are ready."
CHAPTER XX.
"Now, boys, let us go and see if our young friend's memory has returned or if he is only fooling."
He's never fooling, Reddie. What's up now?"

after him and bring him up, and sechat he was educated, just to have him

think that you are wasning time, at the same."
"I'll do as I think best and you can just mind your business."
He flung out of the door and clattered down the stairs. London gave an odd look and smiled, but said nothing and

walked into the other room.

CHAPTER XXI.

"Ah, Mr. Morgan, pray be seated. I am very glad to see you. It is lonely for an old man like myself here."

"You can hardly call yourself old, Mr. Ellet."

no longer young, and whon I get away from the cares of business I feel like a boy in spirits. You have been, so Mr. Vanbrugh tells me, something over a year in his office. You like your work,

year in his office. You-like your work, I suppose?"
"I am in love with it. I told Mr. Van Norstrand when he asked me what I would like to do that I had a great fondness for fine houses, and that I thought that I would like to be an architect. It is a strange thing, Mr. Elliot, which I cannot understand. You probably do not know that I had an accident happen to me that deprived me of all memory of the past."
"Yes, Mr. Vanbrugh told me of it."
"Well, what I was going to say was this. I do not know what I did before lost my memory, but there is some mystery about the business. I certainly did not draw in an architect's office."

Bobs related the incident of his being kidnapped and what took place.

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"Do you not think it strange, sir?"

wanted."
"Yes, but who was the man that rescued me? And how did he know that I was there?"
Ah, now you are beyond my depth, Perhaps it will unrayel itself in time, but I should keep a watch on myself, if I were you, and not get caught again, it might go hard with you another time."
"I certainly will do so but to containly will do so but to

"I certainly will do so; but to con-tinue a little more about myself, if you care to hear it."
"I shall be delighted; I am very much

heen no effort, as it has come as though I had been taught, and yet to my knowledge I never was. The fact that I have made very rapid progress, which I say without conceit, I can only account for by the fact that the faculty is there, and only needs the chance to come out, I seem to see the houses in my head. I hope to be selected to make the drawing for your house, as I see the houses as plainly as though it were built."

Mr. Ellict was greatly interested. This was something far removed from his prosaic but ness life. He had heard of artistic enthusiasm, but had never been in contact with it before.

"I shall make it a personal request on my pert that you do make the drawings, and I shall also see that if it is satisfactory that you go out to Chicago with me and see the house go up."

"Ah, sir, I do not know enough for that. I must study and work for some time yet on construction and all that. A special man does that."

"Yoll, you shall come out and set to the artistic details, then. Is that the right expression? You see that I am imbibing some of your professional esthus were."

"To be Continued."